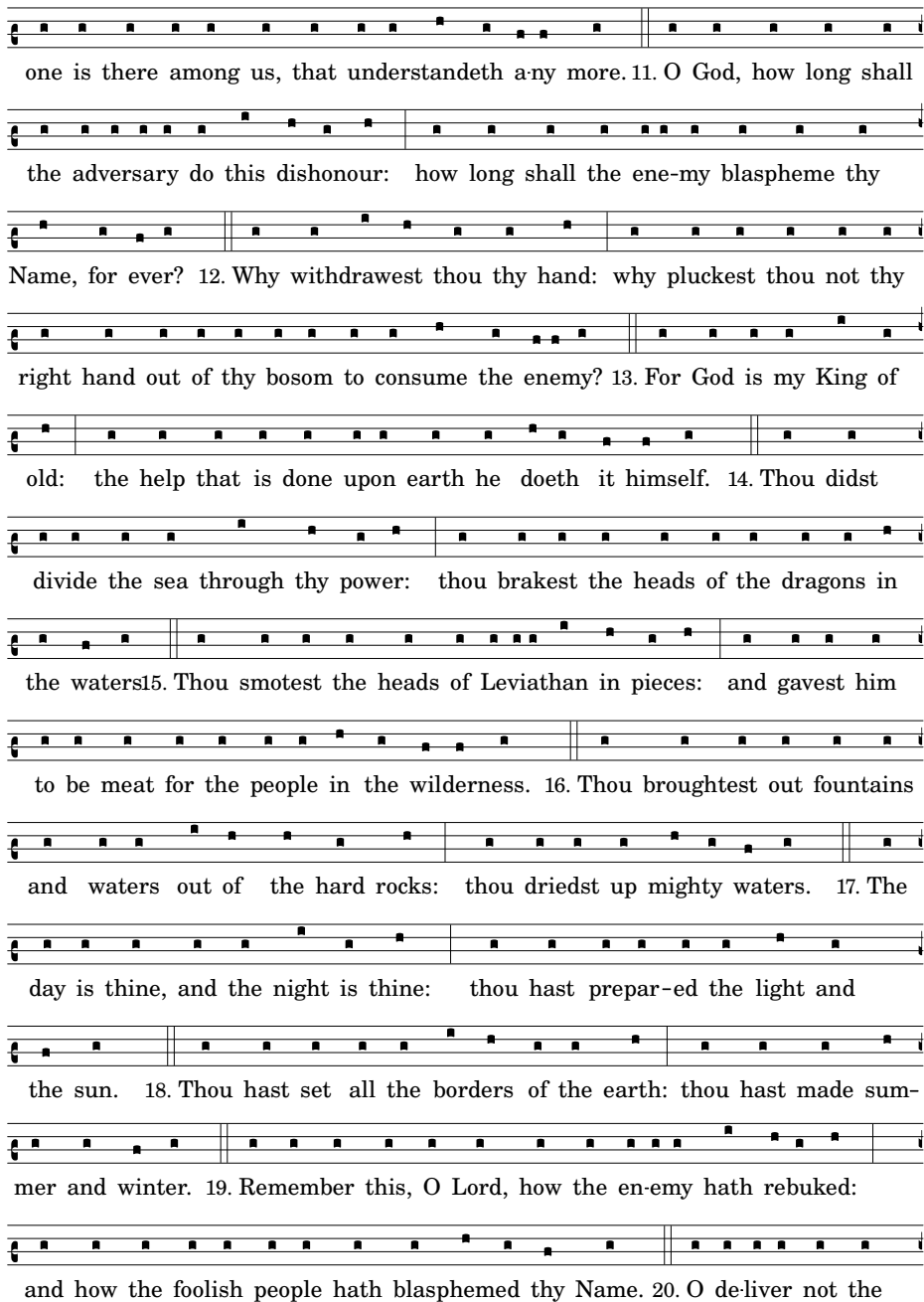


O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from us so long: why is thy wrath so hot
 against the sheep of thy pasture? 2. O think up-on thy congre-gation:
 whom thou hast purchased and redeemed of old. 3. Think upon the tribe of thine
 inheritance: and mount Si-on, wherein thou hast dwelt. 4. Lift up thy feet,
 that thou mayest ut-terly destroy ever -y en-emy: which hath done evil in
 thy sanctu-ary. 5. Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations:
 and set up their banners for tokens. 6. He that hewed timber afore out of
 the thick trees: was known to bring it to an ex-cel-lent work. 7. But now they
 break down all the carved work thereof: with ax-es and hammers. 8. They
 have set fire up-on thy holy places: and have de-filed the dwelling- place of
 thy Name, ev-en un-to the ground.9. Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make
 havock of them al-together: thus have they burnt up all the houses of God
 in the land. 10. We see not our tokens, there is not one prophet more: no, not



one is there among us, that understandeth any more. 11. O God, how long shall
the adversary do this dishonour: how long shall the ene-my blaspheme thy
Name, for ever? 12. Why withdrawest thou thy hand: why pluckest thou not thy
right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy? 13. For God is my King of
old: the help that is done upon earth he doeth it himself. 14. Thou didst
divide the sea through thy power: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in
the waters¹⁵. Thou smotest the heads of Leviathan in pieces: and gavest him
to be meat for the people in the wilderness. 16. Thou broughtest out fountains
and waters out of the hard rocks: thou driedst up mighty waters. 17. The
day is thine, and the night is thine: thou hast prepar-ed the light and
the sun. 18. Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made sum-
mer and winter. 19. Remember this, O Lord, how the en-emy hath rebuked:
and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name. 20. O de-liver not the

soul of thy turtle- dove unto the multitude of the en-emies: and forget not the
 congregation of the poor for ever.²¹ Look upon the covenant: for all the earth
 is full of darkness and cruel habit-ations. ²² O let not the simple go away
 ashamed: but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.²³ Arise, O
 God, maintain thine own cause: remember how the foolish man blasphemeth
 thee dai-ly. ²⁴ Forget not the voice of thine en-emies: the presumption of
 them that hate thee increaseth ev-er more and more. Glory be to the Father,
 and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is
 now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen